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Nearby History Continues

The free series of classes on Nearby History is continuing on alternate Thursdays, at the Queen Anne Library at 4th Ave W. and W. Garfield St.

Lorraine McConaghy of the Museum of History and Industry is conducting the sessions, which draw from 25-35 people. Each participant brings their own interests and learns how to answer the questions they have about their family, home or community. Your participation is encouraged—you'll love it.

Remaining classes include Family History, Mar. 16; Your Collections, Mar. 30; Neighborhood & Community History, Apr. 13; and What Next, Apr. 27. Classes begin at 7pm, are free, and are open to all.

Walking Tour Set for April 15

Plan now to attend the Society's first walking tour of 2000. These tours are always interesting and bring forth lots of intriguing stories about our community.

The tour will start at Parsons' Garden at 8th Ave W. and W. Highland Drive. The date is Saturday, April 15 at 10:00am (happy Tax Day). Tour leaders will be Del Loder and Bob Frazier.

The price is right—FREE.

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Scouting Around Queen Anne A personal perspective

Wed. March 15, 7:30 pm

A presentation celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It includes an overview of Scouting origins and development in the Seattle Area, with some attention on the Queen Anne Area. The presenter will make use of video clips and slides from his files to illustrate the subject.

Join your friends and neighbors at our next public meeting to hear Del Loder
Wed., March 15, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First West and West Crockett

Presented by Del Loder, a board member of the Queen Anne Historical Society, a 56 year veteran Scouter of the Chief Seattle Council and a member of the National Council of the BSA. He has served as a Scoutmaster and Explorer Post Adviser on Queen Anne.

This free, public meeting begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School Library at 1915 1st Ave. W. on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 284-2266.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Your membership renewal status is shown on the mailing label. A 2000 after your name means you are renewed through May, 2000. A 2001 shows renewal through May 2001. Please use the coupon on p. 3 to renew. For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 284-8369. We encourage your renewals at any time. The heritage movement needs your involvement.

CALENDAR OF

Wed. Mar. 15th

Program: Del Loder will describe 90 years of Scouting in Seattle and on Queen Anne. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story, p. 1)

Tue. Mar. 28th

AKCHO Program: Keep this date for a rare meeting on Queen Anne of the Association of King County Historical Organizations. Subject: Seattle's Sesquicentennial. 9:30 am. (See story, p. 3) Free.

Sat. Apr. 15th

Walking Tour: The first walking tour of the year will cover part of the southwest slope. Meet at Parsons Garden. Time 10:00 am. Free

Wed. May 10th

Board Meeting: Monthly meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society Board at Bayview Manor. Find out the backstory on current issues and projects. Call John Hennes at 284-2266 if you wish to attend.

Wed. May 17th

Annual Meeting: Subject not yet available. Election of Board Members. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. June 17th

Walking Tour: The annual tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Meet at the cemetery entrance at 7th Ave W and W Raye St. Time 10:00 am. Free

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SOCIETY NEWS

New Members Welcomed

We want to thank and welcome our recent new members for their heritage commitment. We hope you will join us in some of our activities:

Rita Healy, a former member who is back with us again

And, of course, we always treasure the continuing support of our renewing members!

Society Hosts AKCHO Meeting Mar. 28

The Association of King County Historic Organizations will hold their March meeting on Queen Anne hill. Our Society will act as hosts for this monthly meeting, which will be at the Masonic Center at 1608 4th Ave N. starting at 9:30am. The program will feature the city and county's sesquicentennial next year. The public is invited—Free.

Saving Kinnear Park

A Landslide Mitigation Project for historic Kinnear Park has begun. A public meeting on February 23rd at the Queen Anne Community Center reviewed landslide causes and potential mitigation solutions. Plans for improving the stability of the steep slopes on the southwest side of Kinnear Park were discussed. These include removal of trees on the slopes, alternate plantings, and even major engineering structures. Proposed plans can be examined at the Queen Anne Library, 4th Ave. W. and W. Garfield. For information contact the city's Eleanor Mason at 206-684-7054.

Viewpointe Hears from QAHS

Board member Isabel Egglin recently talked with Lynn Dicuss, Director of The Viewpointe retirement center on Aurora Ave. N., and arranged for Society members John Hennes and Bob Frazier to speak to their residents. On Monday, Feb. 21 John and Bob presented pictures and

words to a crowd of about 40, outlining Seattle's origins and how Queen Anne developed. On Monday, Feb. 28 Bob drove many of the same audience on a bus tour of Queen Anne to see some of the historic sites we have. Perhaps you would like to join in these Society outreach activities and help on future tours. Call John Hennes at 206-284-2266.

Bill Heathman Retires

Bill Heathman, the Marketing Director of Bayview Manor for the last eleven years, has retired from that organization for some sunny travelling with his wife, Ruth. For all those years Bill has been our main contact at Bayview and has been enormously helpful to the Society. He has helped find space for our archive and our office, has helped us make reservations for our board meetings, and has let us use certain office equipment. At all times he was cheerily public minded and very helpful to the Society.

Bill's other activities have included the board of the Elliott Bay Rotary Club, past-president of the West Seattle Rotary, several years with the YMCA, several years on the board of the Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce, and interim president of that Chamber. He has also worked a great deal with students in Queen Anne schools.

At Bill's jolly retirement party on January 28, Bob Frazier spoke in gratitude for all the help that Bill has given us over the years and presented to him a certificate prepared by Del Loder. Also present were Society board members Del Loder, Nadine Belcher and Isabel Egglin. On behalf of the Queen Anne Historical Society we were happy to honor Bill. He has been a great giver to the Queen Anne Community.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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The March 2000 Program Looks at 90 Years of Scouting!

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER BY KIM TURNER

March is about to spring on Seattle, and we have yet to experience our 'bad' winter. This reminds me of the many great winters of snow in Seattle's past which I've experienced. Blizzards and icy conditions from the mid-1940s onward remind me that winter's like this one are to be cherished.

As a small child, snows of 1946, 1949 and the incredible blizzard of 1950 left me with a distaste for snow that gets beyond the confines of lawns and shrubbery, trees and rockeries; icicles suspended above one's head which looked poised to drop on the unwary, sheets of ice that slid down the hillside all the way to the level street below (this at the house at the foot of the stairs, 910 Third Ave. North) and cold which cut through the heaviest clothing - this I remember too well.

The November freeze of 1955 hit unexpectedly and stayed longer than we were used to. I had to walk all the way from the Hill to downtown to a dentist's appointment; and no buses or trolleys were running to get home, by which time it was dark and bitter cold. That was the year I understood the

phrase about cold cutting like a sharp knife. Not until 1990 did I experience that same, bone-chilling cold. But Seattle snows never kept a sense of timing. In May of 1972, the snow fell swiftly and heavily, covered everything in sight, and 24 hours later was gone as if it had only been a dream.

Send us your memories of winters and snows in Seattle.

Cordially, President Turner
Queen Anne Historical Society

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